



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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Substitute House Bill No. 7022

House of Representatives, May 2, 2001

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. LAWLOR of the 99th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING BIRTH OUTCOMES AND THEIR RELATION TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 (a) There is established a task force to study the relationship
- 2 between domestic violence and poor birth outcomes. The study shall
- 3 include, but not be limited to, a collection and analysis of information
- 4 from various sources including battered women's centers, hospitals
- 5 and health care providers concerning the risk of infant mortality, birth
- 6 defects and other poor birth outcomes due to domestic violence during
- 7 pregnancy, and an examination of programs and services that could
- 8 reduce the incidence of such poor birth outcomes and improve child
- 9 health and development.
- 10 (b) The task force shall be comprised of fifteen members as follows:
- 11 The Child Advocate or the Child Advocate's designee, the Victim
- 12 Advocate or the Victim Advocate's designee, the Commissioner of the
- 13 Office of Health Care Access or the commissioner's designee, the Chief

14 Court Administrator or the Chief Court Administrator's designee, the
15 executive director of the Commission on Children, the executive
16 director of the Permanent Commission on the Status of Women, a
17 representative of the Connecticut Women's Consortium, a
18 representative of the March of Dimes, a representative of the
19 Connecticut Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and six members
20 appointed one each by the president pro tempore of the Senate, the
21 speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leader of the
22 Senate, the majority leader of the House of Representatives, the
23 minority leader of the Senate and the minority leader of the House of
24 Representatives.

25 (c) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to
26 the General Assembly not later than February 6, 2002, in accordance
27 with the provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes.

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The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: Potential Minimal Cost

Affected Agencies: Offices of the Child Advocate, Victim Advocate, Health Care Access; and the Commission on Children, Legislative Management, Permanent Commission on the Status of Women and the Judicial Department

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation**State Impact:**

This bill establishes a task force to study the relationship between domestic violence and poor birth outcomes. As a result of participation on the task force various agencies may incur a minimal cost due to mileage reimbursement. Any minimal cost associated with this can be absorbed within each agency's budgetary resources.

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COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

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